

**COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

**Chairman:** Mr. Steve C. Davis

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, January 9, 2012**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:23 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; ex-officios Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor and County Council Chairman, Mrs. Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4, Mr. Jack Schurlknight, Council District No. 6, and Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Ms. Nicole Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Catherine R. Windham, Interim Clerk of County Council.

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.*

Chairman Steve Davis called the meeting to order.

Chairman Steve Davis: "First on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the October 24, 2011 meeting."

Committee Member Fish: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Callanan: "Second."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Are there any corrections to these minutes? (No Response). Having heard none, all those in favor signify by Aye (Ayes). Those opposed? (No Response). Minutes stand approved as presented."

It was moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Steve Davis: "Next issue, or first issue on the agenda is Mr. Tom Smith from Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness, Director."

**A. Mr. Tom Smith, Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness, Director, Re:**

**2. 2011 HMEP Planning Grant.**

Mr. Smith: "Good Evening Members of the County Council, Tom Smith, Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness. I'd like to introduce some of the partners involved in the process of this grant. Ms. Rebecca Thomas, she's the Chairperson of the Berkeley County Political Emergency Planning Committee, Ms. Susan Anderson, she's the Grants Manager for the College of Charleston, and Julie Ohlandt works with College of Charleston in the same department. Basically the intention of this grant is the continuation of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant of 2010 that's formed by partnership with Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties. This phase of the project is actually mapping the hazardous materials routing and response routes to any incident. What we have here tonight before you is a sub-agreement with College of Charleston that Berkeley County is to agree to not spend that money that's strictly allocated for the College of Charleston's use on the grant. Consequently, College of Charleston agrees that they will not spend more than \$33,783.23. That's it, in a nutshell."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Is this a first time grant?"

Mr. Smith: "Pardon me, sir?"

Chairman Steve Davis: "Is this the first year this process...."

Mr. Smith: "No sir, it's the second year. You basically, the initial...last year when we applied for this grant it was presented to Council. The sub-agreement is a new phase of this. I did not know about the sub-agreement when Dorchester County initiated the grant to start with in 2010."

Chairman Steve Davis: "So, the sub-agreement was not in place last year when we received this grant?"

Mr. Smith: "No sir, this is the first time that I've had the opportunity to see it but Dorchester County had initiated one for their County and Dorchester County, their emergency planner, who initiated and submitted the packet for this grant originally resigned and went back to his home state of Virginia. So, Dorchester County in the process never did the grant, the quarterly reports that were required and state failed to follow through also. So, we didn't have that entire grant package until just recently after getting this one going. We didn't know about the sub-agreement with the College of Charleston until this package, dated 9 November or 19 November."

Chairman Steve Davis: "What I'm trying to understand, basically, what my knowledge about grants are is somewhere actually we get granted funds and we don't have to put any money up toward it, okay? No matching funds. So, it really don't cost the County any additional funds."

Mr. Smith: "It's still not gonna cost you a penny, sir. This is a state grant, granted by the Department of Homeland Security to the State. The funding is just agreed that. It works the same with all of our grants. The College of Charleston will bill the County. The County will pay the bill and then the State will give that money to the County and..."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Why the College of Charleston?"

Mr. Smith: "Well, that's...like I said, this is the continuation of Phase II of the original grant. One, College of Charleston had the Geology Department an interest in doing this hazardous material map and in which it turned out to be very beneficial. You can go online and look at all the hazardous materials (inaudible) sites in the County. That are affected through this...."

Chairman Steve Davis: "So, the College of Charleston listed us in their grant application apparently?"

Mr. Smith: "No sir, we were a partner. The Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) are combined of incorporations in the County; in each County, and each of those, have their Chairperson. Well, that initiated...the old history of this is, the seed was planted by Charleston County's LEPC a few years ago. They never had the funds. So, two years ago our LEPCs got together a partnership agreement and combining the amounts of the three grants into getting enough money to actually do something. So, this year is the \$33,000..."

Chairman Steve Davis: "What's the total amount of the grant, what's the total amount of the grant that was awarded?"

Mr. Smith: "\$33,783.23."

Chairman Steve Davis: "And the \$15,545 is that portion?"

Mr. Smith: "That's a different grant. That's another one."

Chairman Steve Davis: "That's something else."

Mr. Smith: "Sorry, (inaudible)."

Supervisor Daniel Davis: "No, what I think might be helpful for the full Council Meeting, how about do a little organizational chart or something to show how this all works together. I think that would be helpful..."

Mr. Smith: "Well, these are two non-related grants."

Supervisor Daniel Davis: "I know. But, well of course, both of them I think if we show...especially the one where the College of Charleston, their role in this, and I think it would be helpful to Council."

Mr. Smith: "Okay, well may Rebecca speak?"

Supervisor Daniel Davis: "Yeah."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Fine, Ms. Thomas? Thank you Dan."

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "As Tom was briefly demonstrating our fundamental class, I hate public speaking, we can go on record with that. Last year, we went in with Dorchester and Charleston County for this HMEP Grant and the concept behind it was that if the three counties joined together then we could get a bigger sum for the grant to identify the two facilities and we'd be able to do the play models and it would be able to help first respond better to the situations at hand. It would increase the response time, hopefully reduce casualties, anything of that nature. Dorchester County had it the first year. It was an agreement when we set up to submit the application that Berkeley County would host the second year; which is how we got turned over to applying for the grant this year. We were approved for the funding this year for \$33,000 and we were working with the College of Charleston. The reason they were chosen by all three counties last year was because of their GIS capabilities. GIS is a very specialized field and not many colleges have it. Luckily, College of Charleston was one that did locally."

Chairman Steve Davis: "I thought we had a GIS here too for the County."

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "We do and we have some of the mapping for Berkeley County. But unfortunately, Charleston and Dorchester don't have that capability."

Chairman Steve Davis: "And the whole area is included in this?"

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "It is. It's all three counties and we have a...when we started the grant we identified all the, where the companies where and what kind of chemicals they had using the EPLAN. Now, we're going through, we're going to map the disaster zones and what's going to happen in the event that a Tier 2 disaster were to occur."

Chairman Steve Davis: "So, last year Dorchester had the same arrangement with the College of Charleston?"

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "Yes, sir."

Chairman Steve Davis: "And so, we're just stepping in the shoes of Dorchester. This County, we're having the same arrangement?"

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "Yes, sir."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Okay."

Committee Member Callanan: "Move for approval."

Chairman Steve Davis: (Inaudible)

Committee Member Callanan: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Farley: "I'll second but I want to..."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Just a minute."

Committee Member Farley: "I just want to ask this question. On Article 4 it says County agrees to reimburse the College up to a maximum \$40,020 for valid expenses; according to the attached budget."

(Inaudible)

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "That's what I thought. That was the previous HEMP Grant. I can show you a copy of the current grant. It's for \$33,783.23."

Committee Member Farley: "So, that \$40,000 needs to be \$33..."

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "And I think what you're looking at sir, is last year's statement of work. We have a revised statement of work, because that one says Dorchester County on ....."

Committee Member Farley: "Okay."

Committee Member Fish: "Well, County hasn't paid; we have not reimbursed that money, correct?"

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "No sir, nothing has been billed to that. We received the funds from the...actually we're waiting to receive the funds for the grant but nothing has been billed."

Committee Member Fish: "Who gets the funds?"

Ms. Rebecca Thomas: "The County gets the funds and then they bill the County."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Any further discussion?"

Mr. Smith: (Inaudible) "It's done like College of Charleston, bills Berkeley County for a quarter's worth of work. Berkeley County will pay the college."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Get reimbursed."

Mr. Smith: "That billing goes to the State and they will reimburse it just like that. It works just like our grants."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Okay."

Mr. Smith: "Our other grants."

Chairman Steve Davis: "All those in favor signify by Aye (Ayes). Those opposed? (No Response). It stands approved. Thank you."

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Farley to **accept** the FY2011 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$33,783.23 for planning, exercises, projects, and training specifically related to hazardous materials. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Steve Davis: "You said it was two grants?"

Mr. Smith: "Yes, sir."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Well, let's do the 2011 HEMP Planning Grant."

Committee Member Fish: "That's what we were just talking about."

Mr. Smith: "Yes sir, that's the one we closed."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Well..."

**1. 2010 LEMPG Competitive Project Award.**

Committee Member Callanan: "Move for approval, so for matter of discussion."

Committee Member Farley: "Second."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Okay, go ahead, for discussion."

Mr. Smith: "Well this grant is a continuation of..."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Thank you, Tim."

Mr. Smith: "Fiscal Year 2010 Grant Period. It's left over funds that they allowed counties that had additional projects, to write a little letter about how, what you can do with this. This funding will further enhance some of the GIS capabilities. It will also enhance some of the material for the IT Department as well as, improve some of the capabilities and response in Communications with the Emergency Operation Center and that area; and that was for \$15,000. That also is another grant that is a matched funds type grant. The time invested and research is accounted for the County's part and (Inaudible) County's part in working with this."

Chairman Steve Davis: "No actual money transfer, just in kind."

Mr. Smith: "No, sir."

Chairman Steve Davis: "What's the pleasure of the Committee? All in favor say Aye (Ayes). All opposed? (No Response). It stands approved. Thank you."

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Farley to **accept** the FY2010 Competitive Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$15,545.00 for emergency equipment, communications and employee salary augmentation. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Steve Davis: "I'll entertain a motion to adjourn."

Committee Member Call: "So move."

Committee Member Farley: "Second."

Chairman Steve Davis: "All in favor say Aye (Ayes). We are adjourned. Thank you very much."

It was moved by Committee Member Call and seconded by Committee Member Farley to **adjourn** the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

February 27, 2012

Date Approved

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Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:01 p.m.**, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**October 24, 2011**

**A. Mr. Tom Smith, Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness, Director, Re:**

- 1.** 2010 LEMPG Competitive Project Award.
- 2.** 2011 HMEP Planning Grant

January 4, 2012  
S/Catherine R. Windham  
Interim Clerk of County Council